

September 26, 2000

TO: Members of the MAG Regional Council

FROM: Mayor Skip Rimsza, Phoenix, Chairman

SUBJECT: MEETING NOTIFICATION AND TRANSMITTAL OF TENTATIVE AGENDA

Meeting - 5:00 p.m.

Wednesday, October 4, 2000

MAG Office, Suite 200 - Saguaro Room

302 North 1st Avenue, Phoenix

Dinner - 6:30 p.m.

MAG Office, Suite 300

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The next Regional Council meeting will be held at the MAG offices at the time and place noted above. Members who wish to remove any items from the Consent Agenda are requested to contact the MAG office. MAG will host a progressive dinner/reception for the Regional Council members following the meeting in the MAG offices on the 3rd floor. Supporting information is enclosed for your review.

If you have any questions, please call the MAG office.

**MAG REGIONAL COUNCIL
TENTATIVE AGENDA
October 4, 2000**

COUNCIL ACTION REQUESTED

1. <u>Call to Order</u>	
2. <u>Pledge of Allegiance</u>	
3. <u>Approval of July 26, 2000 Meeting Minutes</u>	3. Review and approve July 26, 2000 meeting minutes.
4. <u>Call to the Audience</u> An opportunity will be provided to members of the public to address the Regional Council for items that are not included on the agenda. Citizens will be requested not to exceed a three minute time period for their comments. A total of 15 minutes will be provided for the Call to the Audience agenda item, unless the Regional Council requests an exception to this limit.	4. For information.
5. <u>Executive Director's Report</u> The MAG Executive Director will provide a report to the Regional Council on activities of general interest.	5. For information and discussion.
6. <u>Approval of Consent Agenda</u> Prior to action on the consent agenda, members of the audience will be provided an opportunity to comment on consent items that are being presented for action. Following the comment period, Council members may request that an item be removed from the consent agenda. Consent items are marked with an asterisk.	6. Approve the Consent Agenda.

*** ITEM PROPOSED FOR CONSENT**

TRANSPORTATION ITEMS

*7. <u>Amendment of MAG Transportation Model Enhancements Consultant Contract</u> The FY 2001 MAG Unified Planning Work Program includes a \$30,000 project to enhance the MAG model through Fortran and EMME2	7. Approve amending the Mode Choice Model Enhance contract with Parsons Brinckerhoff Quade & Douglas by \$30,000, to provide transportation model enhancements which increases the total contract from \$283,000 to \$313,000.
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programming. MAG currently has Parsons Brinckerhoff Quade & Douglas under contract to make enhancements to the mode choice model. The funding from the Work Program would increase the current contract with Parsons Brinckerhoff Quade & Douglas from \$283,000 to \$313,000. The Management Committee recommended amending the contract. Please refer to the enclosed material.

*8. Regional Aviation System Plan Update Consultant Recommendation and Amendment of Unified Planning Work Program and Annual Budget

The FY 2001 MAG Unified Planning Work Program includes \$240,000 for MAG to hire a consultant to update the Regional Aviation System Plan and to acquire ancillary materials to support the project. On July 28, 2000, the Regional Aviation System Plan Policy Committee recommended that GRW Willis, Inc. be selected to conduct the study for an amount not to exceed \$312,925. Staff is recommending that GRW Willis be selected and that the Work Program be amended to use \$77,925 of Federal Highway Administration funds for the additional amount required beyond the \$240,000 previously budgeted in the Work Program. The Management Committee concurred with the staff recommendation. Please refer to the enclosed material.

*9. Enhancement Funds Working Group Round VIII Recommendations

The Enhancement Funds Working Group has reviewed and recommended a ranked list of Enhancement Fund applications from this region. Each year, the Regional Council reviews these rankings for transmittal to the State Transportation Enhancement Review Committee for final consideration. The Management Committee recommended forwarding the rankings. Please refer to the enclosed material.

8. Approve selecting GRW Willis, Inc. to conduct the Regional Aviation System Plan Update for an amount not to exceed \$312,925 and to amend the FY 2001 MAG Unified Planning Work Program and Annual Budget to add \$77,925 of FHWA Planning funds to the previously budgeted amount of \$240,000 for the project.

9. Approve forwarding the Enhancement Funds Working Group ranked list of applications to the Arizona Department of Transportation for consideration by the State Transportation Enhancement Review Committee.

AIR QUALITY ITEM***10. 2000 Vehicle Miles of Travel Forecasting and Tracking Report**

On June 22, 1999, the MAG Regional Council committed to annually update the forecast of vehicle miles of travel (VMT) and submit annual reports to the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) as part of the MAG 1999 Serious Area Carbon Monoxide Plan. The purpose of the annual VMT forecasting and tracking report is to ensure that forecasts used in the Serious Area Carbon Monoxide Plan remain accurate. The Management Committee recommended acceptance of the report. With the report being due to EPA by September 30, 2000, the Regional Council Executive Committee accepted the report at their September 12, 2000 meeting. Ratification of the Executive Committee action is being requested. Please refer to the enclosed material.

10. Ratification of the Regional Council Executive Committee action to accept the 2000 Vehicle Miles of Travel Forecasting and Tracking Report.

GENERAL ITEMS***11. Renewal of MAG Office Space Lease**

The leases for the MAG office space will expire on June 30, 2001. The Management Committee and Regional Council Executive Committee are recommending renewing the leases for the second and third floors for a five-year period. Please refer to the enclosed material.

11. Approve renewing the current leases for the second and third floors for a five year period and for the MAG Executive Director to execute the necessary lease agreements.

***12. Amendment to the FY 2001 MAG Unified Planning Work Program and Annual Budget to Accept a Grant From the U.S. Department of Energy**

MAG has received a grant in the amount of \$140,000 from the U.S. Department of Energy for dedicated alternative fueled vehicles. It is necessary to amend the MAG Budget and Work Program to accept these funds. The Management Committee concurred with amending the Budget and Work Program. Please refer to the enclosed material.

12. Approve amending the FY 2001 MAG Unified Planning Work Program and Annual Budget to accept a \$140,000 grant from U.S. Department of Energy for dedicated alternative fueled vehicles.

- *13. Amendment to the FY 2001 MAG Unified Planning Work Program and Annual Budget to Accept a Grant from the Arizona Attorney General's Office

MAG has received a \$30,000 grant from the Arizona Attorney General's Office to support the MAG Domestic Violence Council's initiatives to expand Crisis Response Teams and Local Coordinating Councils. The Management Committee recommended amending the MAG Budget and Work Program to accept this grant. Please refer to the enclosed material.

13. Approve amending the FY 2001 MAG Unified Planning Work Program and Annual Budget to accept a \$30,000 grant from the Arizona Attorney General's Office to support implementation of the MAG Domestic Violence Council initiatives.

STUDY SESSION ITEM

14. Domestic Violence Update

The Regional Council authorized the creation of a Domestic Violence Council to develop an effective coordinated valleywide system to protect victims and hold offenders accountable. An update will be provided on the implementation activities of the Council and specific measures that need to be implemented by local governments. Please refer to the enclosed material.

14. For information and discussion.

ITEMS PROPOSED TO BE HEARD**TRANSPORTATION ITEM**

15. Development of New Regional Transportation Plan

Staff will present an update on the Request for Proposals and consultant selection process that is underway for the new regional transportation plan. Please refer to the enclosed material.

15. For information and discussion.

GENERAL ITEMS

16. MAG Regional Videoconferencing System and Regional Connections Update

Staff will provide an update on the implementation of the Regional Videoconferencing System and the Regional Connections projects. Please refer to the enclosed material.

16. For information and discussion.

17. Regional Telework Update

With the regional focus on the new economy, e-government and the need to address air quality and congestion issues, a renewed focus is being placed on encouraging employees to use telecommuting. On September 5, 2000, Governor Hull sent a letter to employers endorsing telecommuting. The Regional Public Transportation Authority, through a MAG Telecommuting project, is sponsoring free telework consultant assistance using national telework and connectivity experts. Between 10 and 12 organizations in Maricopa County will be chosen. In addition to the organizations selected for complete telework assistance, RPTA will offer similar free consultant services to employers. The program will continue through September 2001. Please refer to the enclosed material.

17. For information and discussion.